

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**I. Introduction**

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2006.

Claims 1-5, 7-8, 14, and 18-35 have been canceled. Claim 8 has been amended to a colon to improve the format of the claim. Accordingly, claims 6, 9-13, and 15-17 are now pending.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claim 8 as being unpatentable over the combination of references applied in the office action. To facilitate rapid issuance of the present application claim 8 has been canceled without prejudice. Applicants preserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claim 8 in a continuation application should they decide to do so.

Claims 6, 9-13 and 15-17 stand allowed. Accordingly, all the pending claims stand allowed and the application is now in condition to issue.

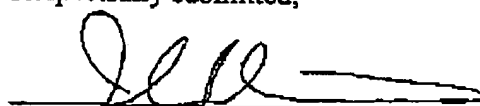
II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and the fact that all the pending claims stand allowed, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

If there are any outstanding issues which need to be resolved to place the application in condition for allowance the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative by phone to discuss and hopefully resolve said issues. To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made, the fee for which should be charged to Patent Office deposit account number 07-2347.

Respectfully submitted,


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